

# Notice of appeal against a decision of the Department for Work and Pensions – **Compensation Recovery Unit**

You should use this form to appeal against a decision made by the Compensation Recovery Unit of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). For decisions regarding social security benefits, you should use form SSCS1. For decisions regarding child support or maintenance, you should use form SSCS2. If you need this form in an alternative format, please see the note on page 7 of this form.

## About this form

This form helps you provide all the information the tribunal requires to register your appeal. It will also ensure that your appeal contains all the necessary details which the law requires.

## How to fill in this form

Please use black ink to fill in this form and use BLOCK CAPITALS unless the form tells you not to.

You must complete Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9.

If you want to attend a hearing, you must also complete Section 8.

If you have a representative, you must also complete Section 5.

## What to include with this form

You **must** include a copy of the **mandatory reconsideration notice** which shows the decision you are appealing against. You do not need to include evidence/information you have already sent to the Compensation Recovery Unit as they will send it to us as part of their response.

## Section 1 ABOUT THE DECISION YOU ARE APPEALING AGAINST

This section is about your **mandatory reconsideration notice**.

This is the letter sent to you by the Compensation Recovery Unit explaining that they have looked at your decision again.

Does your **mandatory reconsideration notice** tell you that you have the right to appeal against the decision?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please ensure you have read the section 'Can I Appeal?' in the booklet SSCS1A 'How to appeal against a decision made by the Department for Work and Pensions' before continuing with this form.

Please tick this box to confirm that you have attached a copy of the **mandatory reconsideration notice** with your appeal form.

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**Remember to include a copy of your mandatory reconsideration notice with your appeal form. If you do not do so, we will be unable to register your appeal until this is provided.**

Was the compensation payment reduced in accordance with section 8 of the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997 or regulation 12 of the 2008 Mesothelioma Regulations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Section 2 ABOUT YOU

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (please specify)

First name

Name of firm or organisation (if applicable)

Address

Postcode

Surname

\* Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

\* You may leave these boxes blank if you are a firm or organisation making the appeal

\* National Insurance number




letters	numbers				letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Your compensation recovery reference number

Your compensator/representative reference number

Phone number

**Please indicate your role in the compensation recovery process by ticking one of the boxes below:**

- ☐ I am the compensator please go to Section 3 
- ☐ I am the injured person's representative please complete Section 3 and 4 
- ☐ I am the compensator's representative please complete Section 3 and 4 

## Section 3 ABOUT THE INJURED PERSON

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (please specify)

First name

Address

Postcode

Surname

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

National Insurance number

letters	numbers				letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Compensation recovery reference number

Phone number

Now go to Section 4 

## Section 4 ABOUT THE COMPENSATOR

Name of company

Compensator's reference number

Address

Compensation recovery reference number

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Phone number

Postcode

Now go to Section 5 


## Section 5 ABOUT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE (If you have one)

This section is about your representative (if you have one).

By representative we mean someone acting on your behalf in a formal capacity. This may be a solicitor or a representative of the compensator. If you name a representative here and give your signature at Section 9, this will authorise us to deal with your representative about your appeal. If you are unsure about this, please read the section 'About Your Representative' in the guidance booklet SSCS1A.

Do you have a representative?

☐ Yes If Yes, please tell us about the person below

☐ No If No, please go to Section 6 

Name of organisation or of person representing

Phone number

Address

Your case reference number'

Postcode

If you are being represented by an organisation and you know the name of the person acting on your behalf, please tell us below

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (please specify)

First name

Surname

Now go to Section 6 

## Section 6 ABOUT YOUR APPEAL

### Grounds for appeal

In this section we need to know why you are appealing. Please write down in your own words the reasons why you disagree with the compensation recovery decision. You do not have to use BLOCK CAPITALS in this section if your handwriting is clear. If you do not complete this section this will delay dealing with your appeal and the appeal form may be returned to you. For more information on grounds for appeal please refer to the 'About Your Appeal' section of the guidance booklet SSCS1A.

*(if necessary, continue on a separate sheet)*

Please tick any of the following boxes which apply to the grounds for your appeal:


- ☐ The amount, rate or period specified in the decision is wrong
- ☐ The decision shows benefit which was not paid as a result of the accident, injury or disease
- ☐ Benefits are listed which have not been paid and are not likely to be paid to the injured person have been brought into account
- ☐ The compensation payment made was not as a consequence of the accident, injury or disease

### Is your appeal in time?

According to the law, your appeal **must be received by the tribunal** no later than **one calendar month** after the date on the letter telling you of the mandatory reconsideration decision. If your appeal is received after this date, it is a late appeal and the tribunal will need to know why it is late.

Is your appeal late?

☐ Yes If Yes, you must give reasons below why your appeal is late

☐ No If No, please go to Section 7 

If your appeal is late, you must give an explanation why. The tribunal will consider your reasons and can extend the time limit for you. If you do not give reasons why your appeal is late your appeal form may be sent back to you. Please tell us below why your appeal is late. You do not need to use BLOCK CAPITALS.


The Compensation Recovery Unit has the right to object to a late appeal if they think there are grounds to do this. The tribunal will consider any objection they make and we will let you know the outcome.


Now go to Section 7 

## Section 7 ABOUT YOUR CHOICE OF HEARING

Appeals are considered by an independent panel. We will make arrangements for your appeal to be heard by the panel and you or your representative will be expected to attend the hearing. If, however, you do not wish to attend a hearing you can ask for your appeal to be decided on the papers. Please tell us below how you would like us to deal with your appeal.

What type of hearing do you require?

I want to attend a hearing of my appeal ☐ If you have ticked this box, please go to Section 8 

I want my appeal decided on the papers ☐ If you have ticked this box, please go to Section 9 

If you change your mind about this, you must tell us as soon as possible as it may be too late to change this once the hearing has been arranged. For more information, please refer to the 'About Your Choice of Hearing' section in the guidance booklet SSCS1A.

We will also write to the other person(s) involved in the compensation recovery process to ask how they would like the appeal to be decided. If any **other** person in the appeal opts to attend a hearing, then a hearing will be arranged, but **you** only need attend if you want to.

## Section 8 ORAL HEARINGS — YOUR NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS

You only need to answer these questions if you told us in Section 7 that you wanted to attend a hearing. If you have asked for your appeal to be decided on the papers, please skip this section and go straight to Section 9.

In this section we need to ask you a number of questions to help us arrange a suitable hearing for you. We will try to accommodate your needs and availability, but it may not always be possible to do this. Please answer questions 1 to 4 to give us the information we require. If you do not answer some of the questions we will have to contact you again and this may delay your appeal. You do not have to answer these questions using BLOCK CAPITALS.

### Question 1 – Your availability

Tribunal hearings are held Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and in our larger hearing centres also on Saturday. To allow you to attend your hearing, we will try to arrange a time and date in line with your availability. It is important that you tell us here if there are any days of the week or times of the day when you **cannot** attend a tribunal or any dates when you are unavailable because of things like booked holidays and hospital appointments. You should consider your availability for the six months ahead.

Are you available to attend a hearing at any time?

☐ Yes

☐ No If No, please tell us when you cannot attend in the box below

### Question 2 – Your needs

Please tell us here about any special needs you may have which we need to take into account when arranging your hearing. This might be things such as hearing loops or disability access.

Do you have any special needs?

☐ Yes

If Yes, please tell us about this in the box below

☐ No

### Question 3 – Your signer or interpreter and language requirements

Do you require an interpreter or signer to assist you at the hearing?

☐ Yes

If Yes, please tell us the language and dialect required below

☐ No

Language or type of sign language interpreter

Dialect

We will arrange for a professional interpreter to be present at the hearing. Please refer to the section 'Completing form SSCS1' in the guidance booklet SSCS1A for more information about interpreters.

### Question 4 – Your notice of hearing

We will usually give you at least 14 days' notice of the date of the hearing. If you agree, we can also give you less than 14 days' notice. This may allow the hearing to be arranged more quickly if, for example, another hearing is cancelled and yours can replace it at short notice.

Do you agree to receiving less than 14 days' notice of a hearing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Now go to Section 9 

## Section 9 YOUR SIGNATURE

You must sign your appeal form for it to be valid. If you have named a representative in Section 5, your signature will also give HMCTS your authority to deal with them when they contact us on your behalf.

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Name

If you are a representative signing this form on behalf of the person who is appealing, you must send their signed authority for you to act on their behalf with this form.

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### WHAT TO DO NOW

You need to send your appeal form **and a copy of the mandatory reconsideration decision you are appealing against** to HM Courts & Tribunals Service.

**If you live in England & Wales** you should send your appeal to:

**HMCTS SSCS Appeals Centre**  
**PO Box 1203**  
**BRADFORD**  
**BD1 9WP**

**If you live in Scotland** you should send your appeal to:

**HMCTS SSCS Appeals Centre**  
**PO Box 27080**  
**GLASGOW**  
**G2 9HQ**

We will send you a letter to tell you we have received your appeal and explain what happens next.

### CHECKLIST

You may find this checklist useful to help you make sure you have provided all the information we need.

- ☐ I have included a copy of the mandatory reconsideration notice (**Section 1**)
- ☐ I have identified my role in the compensation process (**Section 2**)
- ☐ I have given grounds for my appeal (**Section 6**)
- ☐ I have chosen the type of hearing I want (**Section 7**)
- ☐ I or my representative have signed my appeal form (**Section 9**)

### Alternative formats

If you need this form in an alternative format, for example in large print or Welsh, please call 0300 123 1142 if you live in England or Wales and 0141 354 8400 if you live in Scotland.

